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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to election of mayors in certain cities and  
2 providing an immediate effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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*HF 234*

1 Section 1. MAYORS -- STAGGERED TERMS FOR 1997 AND 1999  
2 CITY ELECTIONS. Any city which has changed the term of  
3 council members or mayor under section 376.2 may, by  
4 resolution adopted by the council and filed in the office of  
5 city clerk on or before August 20, 1997, choose to change the  
6 term of mayor as follows:

7 1. An office of mayor scheduled to be filled at the  
8 regular city election in November 1997, shall be for a two-  
9 year term, beginning in January 1998, and the office shall  
10 next be filled at the regular city election in November 1999,  
11 and every four years thereafter.

12 2. An office of mayor on the ballot in the regular city  
13 election in November 1995 and scheduled to be filled at the  
14 regular city election in November 1999, shall be for a two-  
15 year term, beginning in January 2000, and the office shall  
16 next be filled at the regular city election in November 2001,  
17 and every four years thereafter.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

20 EXPLANATION

21 In some Iowa cities which have changed the terms of office  
22 of city officers, the mayor is now elected at the same regular  
23 city election as the majority of council members. This bill  
24 allows a city the opportunity to stagger the term of office of  
25 mayor so that the office will be up for election at the same  
26 time as the minority of council members.

27 To stagger the term of office of mayor over the 1997 and  
28 1999 regular city elections, the bill requires that a city  
29 council adopt a resolution and file it with the city clerk by  
30 August 20, 1997.

31 The bill is effective upon enactment.

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